

REMARKS

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeFazio in view of Romero. Amended claim 9 recites a personal-use device that is standalone, portable, and separate from a telephone and another personal-use device, the standalone device including an interface to connect the standalone device to a telephone line and including another interface to connect the standalone device to the other personal-use device. Neither DeFazio nor Romero teach a personal-use device that has at least two interfaces, one to connect to a telephone line and the other to connect to another personal-use device. *See* Figure 1 of DeFazio and Figure 4 of Romero. For at least this reason, amended claim 9 is distinguished over DeFazio in view of Romero.

Furthermore, the examiner's characterization of unit 6 as another personal-use device is respectfully traversed. For example, unit 6 is a national database such as a national names database. *See* column 3, line 67; Figure 1 at 6. Clearly a national database is not a personal-use device. Therefore, for at least this additional reason claim 9 is distinguished over DeFazio in view of Romero. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 9 and claims dependent thereon is requested.

Claims 23 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeFazio. Claim 23 has been amended to make clear that a standalone, battery-powered, and transportable device carries out the claimed method, the device separately connectable to a telephone line and to a personal computer. There is no indication that the CIDN display 4a shown in Figure 1 of DeFazio is battery-powered and clearly it is not separately connectable to a telephone line and a personal computer. *See* Figure 1. Moreover, as explained above, unit 6 is a national database; hence, unit 6 is not tantamount a personal computer. For at least these reasons, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 23 and claims dependent thereon is requested.

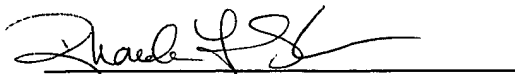
Amended claim 49 recites a housing to house the processor, database, search engine, and search initiator, and the housing to enable viewing of a display. Clearly, DeFazio teaches no such portable, standalone, personal-use device. *See* Figure 1. Reconsideration of the rejection of independent claim 49 and claims dependent thereon is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0694US).

Respectfully Submitted,

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